GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN MANGALORE AND HASSAN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly constructed BG link between Mangalore and Hassan has undergone trials by the Directorate of Railway Safety;

(b) if so, the time by which this route is proposed to be made open for regular passengers and goods traffic;

(c) whether the Directorate of Railway Safety has recommended speed restrictions over the ghat section of this link; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) : Work on Hassan-Mangalore (183 Km.) has already been completed and commissioned except Subramanya Road-Sakleshpur (55 Km.) Ghat section which is opened for goods traffic from May, 2006. Commissioner of Railway Safety has conducted the statutory inspection of Subramanya Road-Sakleshpur section on 10th & 11th April 2007.

This balance section is now ready for commissioning for passenger traffic.

(c) & (d) : Commissioner of Railway Safety has recommended a speed restriction of 30 Kmph in ghat section because of steep gradients and sharp curves.